

## Catherine E. Heigel, Director Promoting and protecting the health of the public and the environment

August 27, 2015

## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Background Information Relevant to the Commission's August 27, 2015, Public Hearing on Duke Energy's Foothills Transmission and Substation Project — 45 Mile Transmission Line between Asheville, N.C., Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, S.C. and Information Stating That the Company Intends to File, in Late 2015 or Early 2016, an Application under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act (See Also ND-2015-20-E for Public Comments and Other Relevant Information)

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control does not have comments at this time. The Department does not waive any comments or authority it may have in future proceedings before the PSC or when reviewing any relevant applications for DHEC permits or other approvals.

Very truly yours,

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